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Application Number	09/855,059
Filing Date	May 15, 2001
First Named Inventor	Bulent M. Basol
Art Unit	1753
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Attorney Docket Number	2022/49529 (NT-201)

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TC 1700**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.**

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- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
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- iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Miscellaneous**

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- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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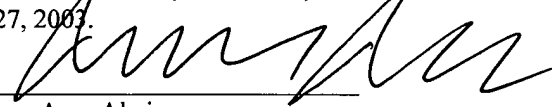
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<p>In re application of:</p> <p>Basol et al.</p> <p>Serial No.: 09/855,059</p> <p>Filed: May 15, 2001</p> <p>Title: Method and Apparatus for Controlling Thickness Uniformity of Electroplated Layer</p>	<p>Group Art Unit: 1753 Examiner: B. Mutschler Our Docket: NT-201</p> <p>CERTIFICATE OF MAILING I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the US Postal Service as Express Mail Post Office to Addressee with Express Mail mailing label number <u>ER 444733439 US</u> in a postage-paid Express Mail envelope addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. BOX 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on August 27, 2003.</p> <p>Signed:  Amy Alwine</p>
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ASSERTION OF SMALL ENTITY STATUS UNDER 37 CFR 1.27(c)

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Dear Sir:

Applicants and Assignee NuTool, Inc. are entitled to be accorded small entity status for the present application based on the definitions as set forth in 37 CFR §1.27(a). Accordingly, NuTool, Inc. is asserting small entity status for the present application.

If the intent to establish small entity status has not been clearly indicated or there are concerns, Applicants request that the Patent and Trademark Office call the Applicants at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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